

REMARKS

The Office Communication mailed on November 2, 2004, indicates that Applicant's Response to Office Action filed on August 9, 2004 is not fully responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2004. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 are not fully complied with in the amendments contained therein.

With respect to claim 10, the Examiner points out that the word "selectively" was incorrectly indicated as being added to the claim. To correct this error, in the present communication underlining has been removed from the word "selectively" and claim 10 has been designated as "(Previously Presented)" rather than "(Currently Amended)". Reference to claim 10 as among the claims designated as amended has also been deleted in the request for amendment to the claims, which now reads: "Please amend claims 1, 3, 9, 14-16, 24, 25, 43, 46, 47, and 55 as follows:"

With respect to claims 15 and 15, the Examiner points out that use of double brackets to indicate deletion of the term "host cell" is inappropriate because more than five letters are deleted. To correct this error, in the present communication, in claims 14, 15 and 16 double brackets surrounding the term "host cell" have been removed and replaced by strikethrough markings.

In view of these corrections to the claim amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim amendments as set forth herein meet all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Accordingly, entry of the amendments and consideration of the arguments in the Response to Office Action filed August 9, 2004 are respectfully requested.

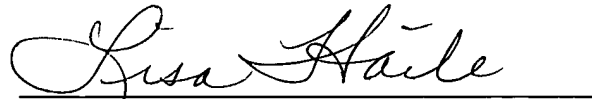
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If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

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